GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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HIRING OF PRIVATE GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the storage capacity hired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in private godowns during the last three years and the current year alongwith the rent paid therefor;

(b) whether steps were taken by the Government for ensuring reduction in rent at the time of hiring these godowns;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the storage capacity likely to be hired during 2007-08 alongwith the rent to be paid therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The details of storage capacity hired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) from private parties during the last three years along with rent paid are as under:-

Year (as on 31st March)	(Figure in lakh MTs) Capacity	Rent paid (in Rs. crore)
2003-04	18.01	17.64
2004-05	14.13	12.05
2005-06	8.83	9.37 (RE)
2006-07 (Upto 31.1.2007)	6.92	7.00 (RE)

(b), (c) & (d): For revision of rate and rent etc., General Manager (Regions) have full powers to take decision keeping in view the cost effectiveness and other relevant parameters. During the last three years 23 lakh MTs private godown capacity has been dehired.

(e): The private godowns capacity is hired only, if it is absolutely necessary. The present utilization of FCI owned storage capacity is 46%. Hiring of the godowns and rent to be paid during 2007-08 will depend upon the trend of procurement and off-take.